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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 189

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF  
12 MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING  
13 JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005  
19 BIENNIUM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
26 Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2003-2005  
27 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries  
28 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and  
29 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and  
30 all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a  
31 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt  
32 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All  
33 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the  
34 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas  
35 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.  
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					Maximum Annual	
				Maximum	Salary Rate	
	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
5	(1)	9985	DHS DEP DIR MEDICAL SERVICES	1	\$93,803	\$95,966
6	(2)	8965	DHS/DMS ADD - MEDICAL SERVICES	1	\$77,912	\$79,792
7	(3)	8936	DHS/DMS ADD PROG & ADMIN SUPPORT	1	\$77,912	\$79,792
8	(4)	8938	DHS/DMS ASST DEP DIR LONG TRM CARE	1	\$76,397	\$78,249
9	(5)	022Z	DHS/DCO CHIEF PROGRAM ADMR	4	GRADE	26
10	(6)	L014	DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY SERVICES	1	GRADE	26
11	(7)	023Z	DHS/DCO ASST CHIEF PROGRAM ADMR	4	GRADE	25
12	(8)	118Z	DHS NURSING SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE	25
13	(9)	L012	PHARMACIST II	4	GRADE	25
14	(10)	L096	SR PHARMACIST	1	GRADE	24
15	(11)	923Z	DHS PRGM ADMINISTRATOR	9	GRADE	23
16	(12)	D124	LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE	22
17	(13)	L078	NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	22
18	(14)	X338	ENGINEER, PE	2	GRADE	22
19	(15)	697Z	DHS PRGM MANAGER	11	GRADE	21
20	(16)	A251	SR AUDITOR	7	GRADE	21
21	(17)	D036	SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE	21
22	(18)	L030	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE	21
23	(19)	L082	NURSING SERVICES SPECIALIST	12	GRADE	21
24	(20)	A250	JR AUDITOR	1	GRADE	20
25	(21)	L070	NURSE II	10	GRADE	20
26	(22)	M027	DHS/DCO COUNTY SUPV II	1	GRADE	20
27	(23)	M088	SOCIAL WORKER II	3	GRADE	20
28	(24)	M116	UTILIZATION REVIEW NURSE	59	GRADE	20
29	(25)	Q046	MEDICARE/MEDICAID SURVEY SPECIALIST	20	GRADE	20
30	(26)	R145	DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	5	GRADE	20
31	(27)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	10	GRADE	20
32	(28)	L028	DIETICIAN	3	GRADE	19
33	(29)	M154	DHS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE	8	GRADE	19
34	(30)	R084	DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE	19
35	(31)	R332	DHS POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORD	5	GRADE	19
36	(32)	X358	HLTH FACILITY SURVEYOR	2	GRADE	19

1	(33)	D129	DP COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 18
2	(34)	M078	DHS/DEMS SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE 18
3	(35)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	16	GRADE 17
4	(36)	R110	MEDICAL PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	4	GRADE 17
5	(37)	R162	STATISTICIAN/STATISTICIAN II	1	GRADE 17
6	(38)	X352	HLTH CARE ANALYST II	22	GRADE 17
7	(39)	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	3	GRADE 15
8	(40)	D005	COMPUTER OPERATOR II	1	GRADE 15
9	(41)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	7	GRADE 14
10	(42)	K117	MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	6	GRADE 14
11	(43)	K153	SECRETARY II	10	GRADE 13
12	(44)	M067	SOCIAL SERVICE AIDE II	1	GRADE 13
13	(45)	K039	DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	21	GRADE 12
14	(46)	K155	SECRETARY I	<u>1</u>	GRADE 11
15			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	291	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of  
 18 Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2003-2005 biennium, the  
 19 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 20 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:  
 21 seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not  
 22 to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act,  
 23 or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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25 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 26 the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be  
 27 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 28 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 29 Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the biennial period ending  
 30 June 30, 2005, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 10,202,447	\$ 10,202,447
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	126,892	126,892
36	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	2,707,772	2,707,772

1	(04) OVERTIME	5,000	5,000
2	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,129,077	3,129,077
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	235,840	235,840
5	(C) PROF. FEES	355,132	355,132
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	12,000	12,000
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
8	(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>89,800</u>	<u>89,800</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 16,863,960</u>	<u>\$ 16,863,960</u>

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11 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 12 Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be payable  
 13 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 14 State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 15 Medical Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
19	(01) PRIVATE NURSING HOME CARE	\$ 448,291,161	\$ 448,291,161
20	(02) INFANT INFIRMARY	16,962,608	16,962,608
21	(03) PUBLIC NURSING HOME CARE	128,747,757	128,747,757
22	(04) PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	284,733,310	284,733,310
23	(05) HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES	1,400,554,808	1,400,554,808
24	(06) CHILD AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE	2,100,000	2,100,000
25	(07) PRESCRIPTION DRUG WAIVER FOR THE		
26	ELDERLY	<u>3,952,384</u>	<u>3,952,384</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,285,342,028</u>	<u>\$2,285,342,028</u>

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29 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKIDS B PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated,  
 30 to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be  
 31 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 32 the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division  
 33 of Medical Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the  
 34 following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
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NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) ARKIDS B PROGRAM	\$ 42,980,759	\$ 42,980,759

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - NURSING HOME CLOSURE COSTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be payable from the Long-Term Care Trust Fund, for the payment of relocation costs of residents in long-term care facilities, maintenance and operation of a facility pending correction of deficiencies or closure, and reimbursement of residents for personal funds lost for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) EXPENSES	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LONG TERM CARE FACILITY RECEIVERSHIP. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be payable from the Long Term Care Facility Receivership Fund Account, for the payment of expenses of long-term care facility receivers as authorized by law of the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) EXPENSES	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - EMPLOYER SPONSORED INSURANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005

1 (01) EMPLOYER SPONSORED INSURANCE \$ 22,000,000 \$ 30,000,000

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4 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - SUPPLEMENTAL - HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Divison  
6 of Medical Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by  
7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department  
8 of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the fiscal year ending  
9 June 30, 2003, the sum of.....\$80,000,000.

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11 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. ~~NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS~~  
12 ~~CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.~~

13 "(10)(A) Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account. The Department  
14 of Human Services Grants Fund Account shall be used for the following grant  
15 programs to consist of general revenues and any other nonfederal funds, as  
16 may be appropriated by the General Assembly:

- 17 (i) Children’s Medical Services;
- 18 (ii) Food Stamp Employment and Training Program;
- 19 (iii) Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled;
- 20 (iv) Transitional Employment Assistance Program;
- 21 (v) Private nursing home care;
- 22 (vi) Infant Infirmary - nursing home care;
- 23 (vii) Public Nursing Home Care;
- 24 (viii) Prescription Drugs;
- 25 (ix) Hospital and Medical Services;
- 26 (x) Child and Family Life Institute;
- 27 (xi) Community Services Block Grant;
- 28 (xii) ARKIDSFIRST;
- 29 (xiii) Child Health Management Services;
- 30 (xiv) Child Care Grant; and
- 31 (xv) Prescription Drug Elderly”

32 ~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001~~  
33 ~~July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 June 30, 2005.~~

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35 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL

1 SERVICES AND ~~COUNTY OPERATIONS~~-- CARRY FORWARD. The unexpended balances in  
2 appropriations made from federal funds, for Medical Services ~~and County~~  
3 ~~Operations~~, as provided for in this Act on ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004 shall  
4 be carried forward and made available for expenditures for the same purpose  
5 for the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
7 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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9 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
11 SERVICES - CHILD AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE. The Child Health and Family Life  
12 Institute shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Children's  
13 Hospital. Arkansas Children's Hospital shall enter into a cooperative  
14 agreement and/or contract with the University of Arkansas for Medical  
15 Sciences - Department of Pediatrics for services required in delivering the  
16 programs of the Child Health and Family Life Institute. ~~The KIDS FIRST~~  
17 ~~Program, a component of the Child Health and Family Life Institute, shall~~  
18 ~~receive priority consideration above all other programs of the Institute when~~  
19 ~~funding decisions are made by Arkansas Children's Hospital. Arkansas~~  
20 ~~Children's Hospital shall make quarterly reports to the Arkansas Legislative~~  
21 ~~Council on matters of funding, existing programs and any new programs and/or~~  
22 ~~services offered through the Child Health and Family Life Institute.~~  
23 ~~The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall~~  
24 ~~designate an individual from the Department of Pediatrics who shall provide~~  
25 ~~administrative oversight of the cooperative agreements and/or contracts with~~  
26 ~~Arkansas Children's Hospital in delivering the programs of the Child Health~~  
27 ~~and Family Life Institute. The designated administrator from the University~~  
28 ~~of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Department of Pediatrics shall make~~  
29 ~~quarterly reports to the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical~~  
30 ~~Sciences and the Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of funding,~~  
31 ~~existing programs and services offered through the Child Health and Family~~  
32 ~~Life Institute. Further, the Department of Pediatrics shall make every~~  
33 ~~effort to advance the KIDS FIRST Program statewide. Utilizing a~~  
34 multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals, the Child Health and Family  
35 Life Institute shall provide a statewide effort to explore, develop and  
36 evaluate new and better ways to address medically, socially and economically

1 interrelated health and developmental needs of children with special health  
 2 care needs and their families. The Child Health and Family Life Institute's  
 3 priorities shall include, but are not limited to, wellness and prevention,  
 4 screen and diagnosis, treatment and intervention, training and education and  
 5 research and evaluation.

6 Arkansas Children's Hospital and the University of Arkansas for Medical  
 7 Sciences-Department of Pediatrics shall make semi-annual reports to the  
 8 Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of funding, existing programs and  
 9 services offered through the Child Health and Family Life Institute.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 11 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 13 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
 15 SERVICES - PHARMACEUTICAL DISPENSING FEE SURVEY. No more than two years prior  
 16 to making any changes to the current pharmaceutical dispensing fee, the State  
 17 shall conduct an independent survey utilizing generally accepted accounting  
 18 principles, to determine the cost of dispensing a prescription by pharmacists  
 19 in Arkansas. Only factors relative to the cost of dispensing shall be  
 20 surveyed. These factors shall not include actual acquisition costs or  
 21 average profit or any combination of actual acquisition costs or average  
 22 profit. The survey results shall be the basis for establishing the  
 23 dispensing fee paid to participating pharmacies in the Medicaid prescription  
 24 drug program in accordance with Federal requirements. The dispensing fee  
 25 shall be no lower than the cost of dispensing as determined by the survey.  
 26 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the State from  
 27 increasing the dispensing fee at any time.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 29 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 31 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
 33 SERVICES GENERAL MEDICAID RATE METHODOLOGY PROVISIONS. (a) Rates established  
 34 by the Division of Medical Services for the services or programs covered by  
 35 this Act shall be calculated by the methodologies approved by the ~~Health Care~~  
 36 Financing Administration Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).



1 The Division of Medical Services shall have the authority to reduce or  
2 increase rates based on the approved methodology. Further, the Division of  
3 Medical Services shall have the authority to increase or decrease rates for  
4 good cause including, but not limited to: (1) identification of provider(s)  
5 who can render needed services of equal quality at rates less than  
6 traditionally charged and who meet the applicable federal and state laws,  
7 rules and regulations pertaining to the provision of a particular service,  
8 (2) identification that a provider or group of providers has consistently  
9 charged rates to the Arkansas Medicaid Program greater than to other  
10 purchasers of medical services of similar size, (3) the Division determines  
11 that there has been significant changes in the technology or process by which  
12 services are provided by a provider or group of providers which has affected  
13 the costs of providing services, or (4) a severe economic downturn in the  
14 Arkansas economy which has affected the overall state budget of the Division  
15 of Medical Services.

16 The Division of Medical Services shall make available to requesting  
17 providers, the ~~Health Care Financing Administration's~~ CMS's inflationary  
18 forecasts (~~HCFA-CMS~~ Market Basket Index). Rates established with cost of  
19 living increases based on the ~~HCFA-CMS~~ Market Basket Index or other indices  
20 will be adjusted annually except when the state budget does not provide  
21 sufficient appropriation and funding to affect the change or portion thereof.  
22 (b) Any rate methodology changes proposed by the Division of Medical Services  
23 both of a general and specific nature, shall be subject to prior review by  
24 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
26 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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28 *SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*  
29 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL*  
30 *SERVICES - STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM/PERSONAL CARE PROGRAM.*

31 *(a) It is the Legislative intent that the Department of Human Services in its*  
32 *administration of the Arkansas Medicaid Program set forth Medicaid provider*  
33 *participation requirements for "personal care providers" that will insure*  
34 *sufficient available providers to meet the required needs of all eligible*  
35 *recipients, to include insuring available in-home services twenty-four hours*  
36 *a day and seven days a week for personal care.*

1 (b) For the purposes of this section, "private care agencies" are defined as  
 2 those providers licensed by the Department of Labor ~~as of January 1, 1999,~~  
 3 certified as ElderChoices Providers ~~as of January 1, 1999~~ and who furnish in-  
 4 home staffing services for respite, chore services, and homemaker services,  
 5 ~~and carrying~~ are covered by liability insurance of not less than one million  
 6 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) covering their employees and independent contractors  
 7 while they are engaged in providing services, such as personal care, respite,  
 8 chore services, and homemaker services.

9 (c) The purpose of this section is to allow the private care agencies defined  
 10 herein to be eligible to provide Medicaid reimbursed personal care services  
 11 ~~on Saturdays and Sundays only~~ seven days a week, and does not supercede  
 12 Department of Human Services rules establishing monthly benefit limits and  
 13 prior authorization requirements.

14 (d) The availability of providers shall not require the Department of Human  
 15 Services to reimburse for 24 hours per day of personal care services.

16 (e) The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division  
 17 shall take such action as required by the ~~Health Care Financing~~  
 18 ~~Administration Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services~~ to amend the  
 19 Arkansas Medicaid manual to include, private care agencies ~~defined herein~~, as  
 20 qualified entities to provide Medicaid reimbursed personal care services.

21 (f) The private care agencies ~~defined herein~~ shall comply with rules and  
 22 regulations promulgated by the Arkansas Department of Health which shall  
 23 establish a separate licensure category for the private care agencies ~~defined~~  
 24 ~~herein~~ for the provision of Medicaid reimbursable personal care services ~~on~~  
 25 ~~weekends~~ seven days a week.

26 (g) The Arkansas Department of Health shall supervise the conduct of the  
 27 private care agencies defined herein.

28 (h) The purpose of this section is to insure the care provided by the private  
 29 care agencies ~~defined herein~~, is consistent with the rules and regulations of  
 30 the Arkansas Department of Health.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 32 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 34 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
 36 SERVICES - BORDER CITY DDTCS AND ELDERCHOICES PROVIDERS. Approved Arkansas

1 Medicaid providers of Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services (DDTCS) and  
2 ElderChoices Services, or ~~its~~ their successor programs, who have out-of-state  
3 border city facilities may be licensed by the State of Arkansas and/or  
4 contract with the State to be reimbursed for Medicaid eligible services  
5 delivered to Arkansas residents who are Medicaid eligible.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
7 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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9 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CRITICAL  
11 ACCESS HOSPITAL PROGRAM. Subject to the ~~Health Care Financing Administration~~  
12 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval, the Arkansas Department  
13 of Human Services shall fund the optional "Critical Access Hospital" Program  
14 as defined at 42 U.S.C. §1395i - 4(e) as it existed January 1, 2001 effective  
15 ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 or at the earliest date thereafter.

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17 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL  
19 SERVICES - PERSONAL CARE AND ELDERCHOICES REIMBURSEMENT. The Medicaid  
20 reimbursement rate for personal care and Elderchoices homemaker, respite, and  
21 chore services shall be increased from the current rate of \$12.35 per hour to  
22 \$13.86 per hour if funds are available, or increased for such portion thereof  
23 as funds are available.

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26 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
28 USAGE AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Children's Hospital may request the  
29 Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services to retain in the  
30 Department of Human Services Grant Fund account an amount not to exceed  
31 \$2,100,000 each fiscal year from funds made available by this Act for the  
32 Child and Family Life Institute, Section-~~5~~ 4, item number 06 to be used to  
33 match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas  
34 Children's Hospital. These retained funds shall not be recovered for transfer  
35 to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

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1 SECTION 20. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
2 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
3 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
4 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 21. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
12 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
13 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
14 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
15 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
17 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
18 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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20 SECTION 22. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
22 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of  
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
25 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
26 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the  
27 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
28 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
29 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
30 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003, except  
31 for Section 9 which shall be in full force and effect from and after the date  
32 of passage and approval of this Act.

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34 /s/ Joint Budget Committee  
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